

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 11-24, 26-29, 32-36, 38, and 40 are currently pending as amended through the above claim amendments in the present patent application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10 and 39 have been cancelled through the above claim amendments and claims 25, 30, 31 and 37 have been cancelled through prior claim amendments.

In the Office Action mailed August 7, 2007, claims 2, 6, and 11 were objected to but indicated as allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. These claims have been so rewritten and accordingly are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 3, 4, 8, 9, and 12 are allowable for at least the same reasons as the corresponding associated claims 2, 6, and 11.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-24, 26-29, 32-36, and 38-40 as being either anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,308,311 to Carmichael ("Carmichael") or obvious in view of Carmichael and selected other references.

Amended independent claims 13 and 16 and dependent claims 14, 15 and 19 are allowable for reasons similar to those making claim 2 allowable. Amended independent claim 20 and dependent claims 21-23 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 2, and the same is true of amended independent claim 24 and dependent claims 26-29. Amended independent claim 32 and dependent claims 33-35 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 11, as are amended independent claim 36 and dependent claim 38.

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this paper citing the correct reference (Mathur, US 2004/0181621 A1) previously submitted on November 8, 2006.

The present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. **Should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to arrange for a telephone interview to discuss the outstanding issues.** If the need for any fee in addition to any fee paid with this response is found, for any reason or at any point during the prosecution of this application, kindly consider this a petition

therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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